

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 2:00 PM
PLACE:	Dover Police Department – Assembly Room 400 S Queen St. – Dover, DE 19904

SLEAF Committee Members Present:

- (1) Albert J. (“AJ”) Roop, State Prosecutor, Delaware Department of Justice
- (2) Major Robert Hudson, Delaware State Police
- (3) Capt. John Treadwell, New Castle County Police Department
- (4) Capt. Deshaun Counts, Wilmington Police Department
- (5) Chief Marvin Mailey, Jr., Dover City Police Department
- (6) Capt. Gary Bailey, Sussex County
- (7) Jeffrey Horvath, Kent County
- (8) Chief Laura Giles, New Castle County

Administrative Staff Present:

Joseph Handlon, DAG Delaware Department of Justice
Alvina Boulware, Delaware Department of Justice
Kimberly Moro, Delaware Department of Justice

Call to Order

State Prosecutor AJ Roop called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

Opening Remarks

Mr. Roop introduced himself as the new State Prosecutor and SLEAF Committee Chairman. Mr. Roop also introduced Joseph Handlon, DAG, as the new counsel to the SLEAF Committee.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Following confirmation of the accuracy of the previous meeting’s minutes, Chief Giles moved to approve the December 4, 2018 meeting minutes and Capt. Treadwell seconded the motion. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the SLEAF Committee unanimously approved the minutes. Mr. Roop abstained, as he was not present at the December meeting.

Consideration of SLEAF Applications

Mr. Roop updates Committee that Body Worn Camera (BWC) efforts for statewide contracts are still being discussed between GSS and DTI and no decisions have been made. Major Hudson made motion for SLEAF Committee to continue to wait on addressing BWC camera applications until such time as a statewide contract decision is made and Chief Mailey seconded. The SLEAF Committee unanimously approved the decision to wait. Chief Giles asks SLEAF members to consider alternative funding for BWC, as there are growing concerns SLEAF will not be in a position to grant these requests.

Mr. Roop makes note of the clerical error in the header of the SLEAF spreadsheet provided. The content of the spreadsheet is correct however, the header reads "December 4, 2018" in error.

As noted in the Guidelines (3.3), the Committee does not consider applications if the agency is not present. The following agencies were not present at the time attendance was taken; thus, their pending applications were tabled.

1. Agency: Ocean View PD / Application #18-029

The application seeks \$5,225.00 to upgrade four (4) vehicles with wireless transfer equipment to facilitate the down load of patrol vehicle video. Chief Mailey moved to table the application until the next meeting. Capt. Counts seconded. Application tabled.

2. Agency: Delaware City PD / Application #18-044

The application seeks \$22,945.00 to install a camera system to monitor city parks. Chief Giles indicated she was aware a representative was unable to attend and the agency wished to table. Chief Mailey moved to table the application until the next meeting. Capt. Counts seconded. Application tabled.

3. Agency: Harrington PD / Application #19-025

The application seeks \$8,000.00 to purchase 2 APX6500 mobile radios w microphone and in-dash cameras mounts to replace outdated models currently in use. Chief Mailey moved to table the application until the next meeting. Capt. Counts seconded. Application tabled.

Mr. Roop advised the Committee that funds requested exceed funds available and asked present agency representatives if any wished to withdraw, reduce, or table pending applications.

The following applications were withdrawn, reduced or tabled at the request of the agency:

4. Agency: New Castle County PD / Application#: 19-013

The application seeks \$1,390.00 for the purchase of 2 scales for Special Operations Unit (MET, Safe Streets) to handle drug investigations. Capt. Treadwell requested to withdraw this application. Application withdrawn.

5. Agency: New Castle County PD / Application#: 19-015

The application seeks \$2,000.00 for the purchase of an upgraded Shock-Knife training weapon for realistic control tactics training. Capt. Treadwell requested to table this application until the next meeting. Application tabled.

6. Agency: New Castle County PD / Application#: 19-017

The application seeks \$42,193.00 for expanded licensing and usage of PenLink to download cell phone content and for 3 computers to store the data. Capt. Treadwell requested to table this application until the next meeting. Application tabled.

7. Agency: Dewey Beach PD / Application#: 19-022

The application seeks \$39,197.35 for the purchase of 20 BWC w accessories and Cloud storage and Enterprise sharing. As this may not be compatible with potential state contracted vendors, the agency representative requested to withdraw this application. Application withdrawn.

8. Agency: Ellendale PD / Application#: 19-026

The application seeks \$4,801.32 for the purchase of upgrading current radio to APX Motorola Portable radio w accessories and battery charger. Current model being phased out. Agency representative requested to table this application until the next meeting. Application tabled.

9. Agency: Wilmington PD / Application#: 18-035(B)

The application seeks \$42,000.00 for the purchase of 60 ballistic shields for uniformed officers. Capt. Counts requested to withdraw this application. Application withdrawn.

10. Agency: Wilmington PD / Application#: 18-079

The application seeks \$10,000.00 in funding for investigative DNA testing in Firearm related cases (GSR testing). Capt. Counts requested to table this application until the next meeting. Application tabled.

11. Agency: Delaware State Police / Application#: 18-053

The application seeks \$135,000.00 for the purchase of a portable inflatable wall system for yearly SWAT, SORT, ALERRT and COPT training. Having obtained alternate sources of funding, Major Hudson amended the request to \$60,000.00 and requested to table the application with the newly amended amount (\$60,000.00) until the next meeting. Application tabled.

12. Agency: Delaware State Police / Application#: 19-003

The application seeks \$17,000.00 for "Justification Force Science Certification and Advance Specialist" training for Homicide Unit Detectives related to departmental shooting investigations. Major Hudson requested to table this application until the next meeting. Application tabled.

13. Agency: Delaware State Police / Application#: 19-006

The application seeks \$39,500.00 for equipment for the EOD Unit (safe tools, disruptor rounds, breaching tools, etc.). Major Hudson requested only \$20,000.00 be presented at this meeting if available and to table the remaining \$19,500.00 of the total until the next meeting. Application tabled in part. See below for further details.

14. Agency: Newark PD / Application#: 19-021

The application seeks \$7,800.00 to purchase Field Training Documentation Software (LEFTA). Agency representative requested to table this application until the next meeting. Application tabled.

15. Agency: Dover PD / Application#: 19-007

The application seeks \$55,224.08 to fund a contractor to convert microfiche records to digital format as well as to purchase a sufficient computer to handle the required scanning software. (Software purchased under alternative grant funding). Agency representative requested to table this application until the next meeting. Application tabled.

16. Agency: Blades PD / Application#: 19-009

The application initially seeks \$3,146.46 to upgrade car camera system to allow for auto download of data. Agency representative requested to reduce this amount to \$2000.00 and withdraw the remainder. Application amount reduced. See below for further details.

17. Agency: Newport PD / Application#: 19-019

The application initially seeks \$5,354.02 to purchase 7 SAUER handguns w accessories. Agency representative requested to reduce this amount to \$3,002.93 and withdraw the remainder. Application amount reduced. See below for further details.

18. Agency: New Castle County PD / Application#: 19-012

The application seeks \$2,795.00 to upgrade and replace outdated camera currently assigned to the PIO. Officer is using personal camera at this time. Capt. Treadwell requested to table this application until the next meeting. Application tabled.

19. Agency: Delaware State Police / Application#: 19-023

The application seeks \$70,472.00 to upgrade SORT team Sniper Observer kits. Current kits are extremely outdated. Major Hudson requested to table the application until the next meeting. Application tabled.

20. Agency: Delaware Department of Justice / Application#: 19-028

The application seeks \$21,000.00 for prosecutor to attend the Career Prosecutors Conference and the National Domestic Violence Conference. Mr. Roop requested to table the application until the next meeting. Application tabled.

Mr. Roop indicates the requests still exceed the funds available by \$9,428.25 and asks the Committee for suggestions on prioritizing the remaining applications. Mr. Horvath suggests priority to be officer safety; items that aid in the prosecution of cases; and training. Major Hudson suggests priority be given to anything that brings a statewide benefit, followed then by Mr. Horvath's suggested order. Mr. Horvath makes motion to same. Chief Mailey seconds. Committee approves the prioritization order.

Mr. Roop asks the Committee for its first suggested application.

21. Agency: Delaware State Police / Application#: 19-001

The Committee reviewed the application for Delaware State Police to host the annual Homicide Conference. This is a statewide event. The application seeks \$40,000.00. Motion to approve by Mr. Horvath, seconded by Capt. Treadwell. The application was unanimously approved. Major Hudson abstained.

22. Agency: Dover PD / Application#: 19-008

The Committee reviewed the application on behalf of the Dover PD and the Delaware Police Chiefs Council (DPCC) for DPCC to host the annual Staff Development Seminar. This is a

statewide event. The application seeks \$15,000.00. Motion to approve by Major Hudson, seconded by Capt. Bailey. The application was unanimously approved. Chief Mailey abstained.

23. Agency: Delaware State Police / Application#: 19-002

The Committee reviewed the application for funding for a Firearms Examiner to aid the DSP Forensic Lab. This lab handles all forensic firearm analysis for the state. The application seeks \$70,000.00. Motion to approve by Chief Giles, seconded by Capt. Treadwell. The application was unanimously approved. Major Hudson abstained.

24. Agency: Wilmington PD / Application#: 18-064

The Committee reviewed the application to fund initiatives for Advanced Investigations, Forensic, and EDU training and certification. The application seeks \$60,000.00. Motion to approve by Mr. Horvath, seconded by Chief Mailey. The application was unanimously approved. Capt. Counts abstained.

25. Agency: Delaware State Police / Application#: 19-006

The Committee reviewed the previously amended application for equipment for the EOD Unit (safe tools, disruptor rounds, breaching tools, etc.). This bomb squad's services are statewide and between available to other agencies. The application seeks \$20,000.00 at this time and the remaining \$19,500.00 tabled until next meeting (see above). Motion to approve by Mr. Horvath, seconded by Chief Giles. The application was unanimously approved. Major Hudson abstained.

26. Agency: Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (DATE) / Application#: 19-010

The Committee reviewed the application requesting funding for DATE to host the "High in Plain Sight" training seminar. This includes expenses associated with the presentation and the trainer's travel. The seminar will be open to all agencies statewide. The application seeks \$4,700.00. Motion to approve by Mr. Horvath, seconded by Major Hudson. The application was unanimously approved.

27. Agency: Newark PD / Application#: 19-020

The Committee reviewed the application requesting funding for Newark PD to host Public Safety Crowd Management Training for 30 officers. The seminar will be open to all agencies statewide. The application seeks \$4,500.00. Motion to approve by Chief Mailey, seconded by Chief Giles. The application was unanimously approved.

28. Agency: New Castle PD / Application#: 19-016

The Committee reviewed the application requesting funding for a ETGI Wireless remote Audio Perimeter Sharing System (WRAPS) for Crisis Negotiators to communicate in real-time. The seminar will be open to all agencies statewide. The application seeks \$4,300.00. Motion to approve by Chief Giles, seconded by Mr. Horvath. The application was unanimously approved. Capt. Treadwell abstained.

29. Agency: Delaware State University PD / Application#: 19-024

The Committee reviewed the application requesting funding for three in-car camera systems including the cameras, installation, essentials, setup and training for officer safety. The application seeks \$10,830.00. Motion to approve by Chief Mailey, seconded by Mr. Horvath. The application was approved. Major Hudson chose to abstain.

30. Agency: Newport PD / Application#: 19-019

The Committee reviewed the application to purchase 7 SAUER handguns with accessories. Agency representative reduced the original amount (\$5,354.02) earlier in the meeting to \$3,002.93 for the purchase of the weapons only. Motion to approve by Chief Giles, seconded by Mr. Horvath. The application was unanimously approved.

Mr. Roop indicates there is \$5,417.46 left in the application fund.

31. Agency: New Castle PD / Application#: 19-011

The Committee reviewed the application requesting funding to upgrade Trail cameras for Special Investigations Unit; 3 of the 7 cameras are currently not working and all are out of date. The application seeks \$5,432.00. Motion to approve application funding for \$5417.46, the balance of the SLEAF account at this time, by Chief Giles, seconded by Mr. Horvath. The application was unanimously approved. Capt. Treadwell abstained.

The approval of Application#19-011 brought the SLEAF account to a zero balance. Mr. Roop motioned to table the remaining applications until the next meeting. Chief Giles seconded. The following applications have been tabled until the next meeting:

32. Agency: Milford PD / Application#: 18-045 (B)

The application seeks \$12,799.00 for the purchase of a K9, home kennel, cage and mat and deployment system. Application tabled.

33. Agency: Laurel PD / Application#: 19-004

The application seeks \$5,557.00 to purchase 20 updated fingerprint kits; 20 upgraded picatinny Quad rifle rails and 20 Streamlight. Application tabled.

34. Agency: Seaford PD / Application#: 19-005

The application seeks \$6,658.29 to purchase a Motorola radio and funding for one officer to attend SMILE training. Application tabled

35. Agency: Blades PD / Application#: 19-009

The application seeks \$2,000.00 (reduced at the meeting from the original \$3,146.46) to upgrade car camera system to allow for auto download of data. Application tabled.

36. Agency: New Castle County PD / Application#: 19-014

The application seeks \$6,742.00 to replace EDU cameras. Current camera downloaded content is not compatible with Evidence.com. Application tabled.

37. Agency: New Castle County PD / Application #19-018

The application seeks \$4,470.00 to purchase 5 riding helmets w earpieces and microphone for riders to communicate with dispatch. Application tabled.

38. Agency: Middletown PD / Application #19-027

The application seeks \$1,792.00 to fund one officer to attend the SMILE conference on social media for the masses. Application tabled.

39. Agency: New Castle County PD / Application #18-074

The application seeks \$1,055.74 to fund body armor for an officer. Application tabled.

Mr. Horvath suggested the Committee consider scheduling a meeting to either discuss administrative items only (no applications) or possibly a “tabled items” meeting in which only those items currently on the “tabled” list will be considered, in an effort to bridge the gap between requests and available funding. Mr. Roop to consider the options and reach out to the Committee for a consensus in the coming weeks.

Chief Giles raises question to Committee members and SLEAF Counsel of what options are open to the Committee if there is reason to believe an agency is not actually using the item(s) they have purchased through SLEAF funding. Mr. Roop suggested if there is reason to suspect a specific agency, that specific concern should be raised with the Committee.

Public Comment

None.

Next Scheduled Meeting

June 11, 2019

Adjournment

With no further business before the SLEAF Committee, Chief Mailey moved to adjourn the meeting, Capt. Treadwell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:46 PM.